

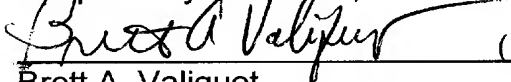
REMARKS

The Examiner makes a restriction requirement between Group I (claims 11-16) and Group II (claims 17-21).

Applicants elect with traverse the Group II claims 17-21.

Attached is the PCT Examiner's Office Action in the Preliminary Examination Stage of the PCT application. The PCT Examiner did not make any restriction under PCT Rule 13.1. Therefore the PCT Examiner believes that the method claims for making the casing and the casing claims were sufficiently linked to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Furthermore, Applicants note that both claim 11, the casing claim, and claim 17, the method for production of a casing claim, both contain recitations that the outer surface of the wall bearing a layer comprises nickel-copper. The same is true of method claim 21. For these reasons, reconsideration of the restriction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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